New food processing units in Northern States

†2765. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set up new food processing units in Northern States;

(b) the details of the funds/grants allocated for setting up of food processing units during the last three years; and

(c) the details of such schemes pending or under implementation in Haryana and Punjab during 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food processing industries on its own. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/ Establishment of Food Processing Industries, extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil works subject to a maximum of Rs.50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs.75 lakhs in Difficult areas to implementing agencies/ entrepreneurs for setting up/modernization/technology upgradation of food processing industries.

(b) The expenditure incurred towards providing grant to food processing units under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establisment of Food Processing Industries during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 has been as follows:–

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
2004-05	51.14
2005-06	69.81
2006-07	82.19

(c) During the year 2005-06, grant in respect of fourteen applicants was approved for an amount of Rs.443.93 lakhs and 'four applications have been under process in respect of Punjab. Grant in respect of three applicants was approved for an amount of Rs.48.73 lakhs and one application has been under process in respect of Haryana during the same period.

Utilization of fruits and vegetables in Rajasthan

2766. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been carried out by Government for utilization of fruits and vegetables in Rajasthan for processing;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of assistance, if any, given to the State/private entrepreneurs; and

(d) whether any funds have been granted by Government for setting up food processing industries and whether any special zones for processing are likely to be set up in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not conducted any specific survey for utilization of fruits and vegetables in Rajasthan for processing. However, the Ministry has been assisting financially various organizations for holding Seminars/Exhibitions to create awareness among farmers and entrepreneurs in the State of Rajasthan. For the State of Rajasthan the Ministry has approved 68 proposals with financial assistance of Rs. 1390.54 lakh till date including 47 proposals with financial assistance of Rs. 840.32 lakh for setting up of food processing industries in the sectors of Oil Milling, Pulse Milling, Milk Processing, Flour Milling, Consumer Industries, Bakery Products etc. There are 4 Food Parks approted in the State of Rajasthan with financial assistance of Rs. 4992.871akh by the Ministry. These parks are located at Ranpur (Distt Kota), Boranada (Distt. Jodhpur), Sri Ganganagar and Alwar. Out of these four food parks, except that in Alwar, all the other three food parks are operational.

Mega food parks

2767. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mega food parks approved on a fast track mode in the country;

(b) whether such a park would be located in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the budgetary support that would be given to these parks;

(d) the details as to whether such parks are given one time support or biennial support; and

(e) where all these parks would be located, State-wise and by when these would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (e) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has submitted a proposal to Planning Commission for implementation of Mega Food Parks during Eleventh Five Year Plan which aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to maximize value addition, minimize wastages,